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1. IN JULY 44 RAOUL WALLENBERG, BORN 4 AUGUST 1912, ARCHITECT AND SCION OF WEALTHY AND PROMINENT SWEDISH BANKING FAMILY, SENT BUDAPEST. HE ATTACHED TO SWEDISH LEGATION WITH SPECIAL MISSION TO TRY PROTECT HUNGARIAN JEWS FROM NAZI PERSECUTION AND DEPORTATION. APPARENTLY DID VERY EFFECTIVE JOB. IN JANUARY 45, WALLENBERG ONLY FOREIGN DIPLOMAT TO STAY IN PEST WHEN GERMAN TROOPS AND DIPLOMATIC CORPS RETREATED TO BUDA SIDE DANUBE. WHEN SUMMONED TO BUDA BY SWEDISH MINISTER, WALLENBERG ASKED REMAIN PEST AND BE ALLOWED TO DEAL WITH SOVIET HIGH COMMAND AS CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN INTERESTS OF THOSE UNDER HIS PROTECTION. ON 15 JANUARY 45, FIRST SOVIET PATROL CAME TO WALLENBERG LEGATION AND WALLENBERG ASKED TO BE TAKEN TO SOVIET COMMANDER, GENERAL CHERNISHEV, WHO TOOK WALLENBERG "UNDER HIS PROTECTION." ON 16 JANUARY 45, SOVIET FOREIGN OFFICE INFORMED SWEDISH MINISTER IN MOSCOW THAT MILITARY AUTHORITIES HAD TAKEN WALLENBERG AND HIS PROPERTY UNDER THEIR PROTECTION.

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TION. ON 17 JANUARY 45, HALLENBERG RECEIVED SOVIET PERMISSION DRIVE DEBRECEN TO CALL ON MARSHAL MALINOWSKI (LATER SOVIET DEFENSE MINISTER) WHO HAD HQS THERE. LEFT FOR DEBRECEN WITH HUNGARIAN DRIVER WILHELM LANGFELDER AND RED ARMY ESCORT.

2. HALLENBERG HAS BEEN MISSING SINCE 17 JANUARY ⁴⁵ AND NO RELIABLE INFORMATION HAS COME TO THE FORE ABOUT HIS FATE DESPITE CONTINUED INVESTIGATIONS BY THE HALLENBERG FAMILY AND THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT, WHICH MADE AT LEAST 30 DEMARCHES WITH THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT BETWEEN 1945 AND 1965. SOVIET GOVERNMENT INITIALLY DENIED ALL KNOWLEDGE HALLENBERG BUT FINALLY IN 1957 INFORMED THE SWEDES THAT HALLENBERG HAD DIED IN LUBIANKA PRISON OF A HEART CONDITION ON 17 JULY 47 AND THAT BODY CREMATED. SOVIET REPLY LAID BLAME AT DOOR SOVIET SECURITY SERVICE. FORMER SOVIET PRISONERS REPATRIATED TO WEST HAVE MADE VAGUE STATEMENTS THAT HALLENBERG HAS BEEN VARIOUSLY INTERNED IN A SOVIET MENTAL HOSPITAL AND IN THE FOLLOWING CAMPS OR PRISONS: KRASNOGORSK, LUBIANKA, LEFORTOVSKAYA, VLADIMIR BUT SWEDISH EFFORTS TO CONFIRM THIS EVIDENCE HAVE SO FAR BEEN IN VAIN.

3. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THERE ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO TIE THE SUEDE

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DESCRIBED IN GULAG TO WALLENBERG, DESPITE SOME POINTS IN COMMON.
 HOWEVER, BELIEVE STORY RECOUNTED IN GULAG OF SUFFICIENT PROPAGANDA
 IMPACT ON OWN MERITS TO JUSTIFY SURFACING DURING GROMYKO VISIT, EM-
 PHASIZING GROMYKO'S ALLEGED ROLE IN AFFAIR. RATHER THAN ATTEMPTING
 TO TIE SOLZHENITSYN'S ANDERSON TO WALLENBERG, STORY SHOULD CHALLENGE
 GROMYKO TO CONFIRM OR DENY INVOLVEMENT AND TO INVESTIGATE FATE OF
 SWEDE IN QUESTION.

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